

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 9-20 are pending in the present application. Claim 1 is in independent form.

I. STATEMENT REGARDING THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

On November 12, 2009, Applicants' representative, Crystal Wilson (Reg. No. 61,730) informed the Examiner, that in the Restriction Requirement mailed on November 9, 2009, claims 6, 7 and 9 are shown as belonging to both Group I and Group II.

The Examiner acknowledged the inconsistency, and clarified that claims 6 and 7 belong to Group II and claim 9 belongs to Group I.

II. RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner requires Applicants to select one of the following groups for further prosecution on the merits:

GROUP I including claims 1-5, 9-12 and 17-20, drawn to a process;
 and

GROUP II including claims 6, 7 and 13-16, drawn to a product.

III. RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute Group I, including claims 1-5, 9-12 and 17-20. Applicants specifically reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to non-elected claims 6, 7 and 13-16.

CONCLUSION

An early indication of the allowability of claims 1-5, 9-12 and 17-20 in connection with present application is earnestly solicited.

In the event that any matters remain at issue in the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned for the purpose of a telephonic interview.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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